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Execution of the Tungabhadra Project.

* 163 Q.—SRI S. B. ADITYAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) the outcome of his talks in Delhi regarding the execution of the Tungabhadra Project;

(b) whether the work on the project would be resumed, and if so, when; and

(c) whether any decisions have been arrived at to make changes in (i) controlling authority; (ii) materials to be used; and (iii) other respects; and if so, the nature of the changes?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) Certain proposals were discussed in respect of the future control of the construction of the dam, material to be used and the level up to which the dam is to be constructed;

" (b) work on the project has always been going on, and there is no question of 'resuming' it. Progress on dam construction had to be slowed down in July and August 1948 due to the political conditions in Hyderabad then; and

" (c) attention is invited to the answer to clause (a) above. This Government are awaiting the decisions of the Government of India on the subjects discussed at the conference held at New Delhi on 2nd November 1948."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" As it has been reported in the papers, has no decision been announced by the Government of India about the controlling authority for the construction of the dam? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Tentative decisions were reached at the conference. The Government of India have since been reviewing these decisions in the light of certain factors."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" Have not the Government of Madras asked to be put in sole charge of the construction of the project? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" That was what the Government of Madras suggested, Sir."

Provincial tax collected on petrol, etc.

* 164 Q.—ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the total amount collected by way of Provincial tax in the last and in the current financial years on

(i) petrol; and

(ii) lubricating and crude oils?

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THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" The following are the figures :—

Year.	Amount of tax collected on petrol.	on other than petrol.
	RS.	RS.
1947-48	38,33,091	8,07,005
1948-49 (up to 30th June 1948).	22,71,518	5,29,490 "

Publication of the Madras General Sales Tax Act IX in the regional languages.

* 165 Q.—SRI B. BHIMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Madras General Sales Tax Act IX of 1939, as amended, has been translated into Telugu and Kannada and published and made available for sale;

(b) if so, on what date the said publications were published and made available for sale; and

(c) whether the said publications are made available for sale in the taluk offices or in the offices of the Sales Tax Officers in the various districts?

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" (a) No.

" (b) & (c) Do not arise."

Candidates sent abroad for Electrical Engineering Courses.

* 166 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether candidates for further Electrical Engineering Courses were deputed by the Government to foreign countries;

(b) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, the names of such candidates;

(c) whether Sri Srinivasan, Lecturer in Electrical Engineering in the Engineering College, Guindy, was deputed for foreign studies;

(d) whether the said Sri Srinivasan has returned after completing his studies;

(e) whether, by virtue of his seniority in service and qualifications, Sri Srinivasan is qualified to be appointed as the Professor of Electrical Engineering;

(f) whether the Government recently made some appointments for the posts of Professors of Electrical Engineering;

(g) if the answer to (f) is in the affirmative, whether the posts were advertised and the selection made by the Public Service Commission;

(h) what the nativity and qualifications of the candidates appointed as Professors of Electrical Engineering are and whether they fulfil the qualifications prescribed for the posts;